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                              UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
                                     DISTRICT OF NEVADA
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      KATHLEEN LISBETH MIERAU, an
      individual,
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                                 Plaintiff,
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             VS.
      ALBERTSON'S LLC d/b/a ALBERTSON, a
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      Foreign Limited-Liability Company; DOE
      EMPLOYEE 1; DOES 1 through X,
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      inclusive; and ROE CORPORATIONS I
      through V, inclusive,
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                                 Defendants.
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                                     NOTICE OF REMOVAL
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            Defendant Albertson's LLC by and through its counsel of record, the law firm of BACKUS,
     CARRANZA & BURDEN, hereby file this instant notice of removal of this action to the United States
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     District Court for the District of Nevada, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, and in
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     support thereof, state as follows:
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I.

## FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 1. Plaintiff KATHLEEN LISBETH MIERAU ("Plaintiff") is and was a resident of the State of Nevada. *See* Complaint filed in the Eighth Judicial District Court for Clark County, Nevada, at ¶1, attached as Exhibit A.
- 2. Defendant Albertson's LLC is a company organized, existing, and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, with its headquarters and principal place of business in the State of Idaho.
- 3. Plaintiff's Complaint was filed in the Eighth Judicial District Court for Clark County, Nevada on or about January 21, 2021. *See* Exhibit A.
- 4. The Complaint was served on Defendant on March 30, 2021. *See* Affidavit of Service, attached as Exhibit B.
- 5. Plaintiff's action alleges that on or about March 17, 2020, was hit from behind by a shopping card. *See* Exhibit A at ¶8. Plaintiff asserts against Defendant causes of action for "Negligence," "Negligent hiring/Training/Supervision," and "Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress." *Id.* at ¶¶11-33.
- 6. Based on Plaintiff's representations, Plaintiff 's damages exceed \$75,000.00 in medical expenses and other damages.

II.

## **DIVERSITY JURISDICTION**

- 7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1332(a), a federal district court "shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000" and the controversy is between "citizens of different states." *See* 28 § U.S.C. 1332(a).
- 8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1), this case may be removed to United State District Court for the District of Nevada because there is complete diversity of citizenship between Plaintiff and Defendant, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.
- 9. There is complete diversity in this matter as Plaintiff is a citizen of Nevada and Defendant is a citizen of Idaho.

- 10. Further, it is more likely than not that the amount in controversy will exceed \$75,000. The preponderance of the evidence demonstrates that the amount in controversy can easily be reached based on the following factors: (1) Plaintiff represents that she presently has more than \$75,000.00 in medical bills and damages; (2) Plaintiff states that her general damages are in an amount in excess of \$15,000.00; (3) Plaintiff seeks special damages in an amount in excess of \$15,000.00; (4) Plaintiff seeks attorney's fees and costs; and (5) Plaintiff seeks further relief as the Court deems just a proper. Therefore, it is more likely than not that the factors addressed above meet the requisite amount in controversy under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).
  - 11. Accordingly, this Court has diversity jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).
- 12. Defendant respectfully requests this matter be removed to the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

## III.

## THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL HAVE BEEN SATISFIED

- 13. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(1) states: "The notice of removal of a civil action or proceeding shall be filed within 30 days after the receipt by the defendant, through service or otherwise, of a copy of the initial pleading setting forth the claim for relief upon which such action or proceeding is based, or within 30 days after the service of summons upon the defendant if such initial pleading has then been filed in court and is not required to be served on the defendant, whichever period is shorter."
- 14. In addition, 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(2)(A)(ii) provides that for removal based on diversity jurisdiction, the sum demanded in good faith in the initial pleading shall be deemed to be the amount in controversy except when the initial pleading seeks a monetary judgment, but the State practice, such as in Nevada, either does not permit demand for a specific sum or permits recovery of damages in excess of the amount demanded." *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(2)(A)(ii).
- 15. This Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, as there is complete diversity between the parties and there is more than \$75,000 in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs.
  - 16. Pursuant to the 28 U.S.C. § 1441, this action is one which may be removed to this

1	Court.				
2	17. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(1), the date for this removal is not more than one				
3	year after the January 25, 2021 commencement of the state court action.				
4	18. A true and correct copy of this Notice of Removal will be filed with the Clerk for the				
5	Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada.				
6	19. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446, a true and correct copy of all process, pleadings, and				
7	orders served upon Defendant in the state court are attached hereto. See Plaintiff's Complaint,				
8	attached as <b>Exhibit A</b> , the Summons attached as <b>Exhibit B</b> , Plaintiff's Initial Appearance Fee				
	Disclosure attached as <b>Exhibit C</b> , Defendant's Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint attached as <b>Exhibit</b>				
9	<b>D</b> , Albertson's Demand for Jury Trial attached as <b>Exhibit E</b> , Albertson's Initial Appearance Fee				
10	Disclosure attached as <b>Exhibit F</b> , and Plaintiff's Petition for Exemption from Arbitration attached				
11	as Exhibit G.				
12	20. Therefore, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, Defendant is entitled to				
13	remove this action to this Court.				
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15	21. WHEREFORE, Defendant prays that the above-entitled action be removed from the Eighth Judicial District Court in and for Clark County, Nevada.				
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17	DATED this 21st day of April, 2021.				
18	Respectfully Submitted,				
19	BACKUS, CARRANZA & BURDEN				
	By: /s/ Jack P. Burden				
20	Jack P. Burden, Esq. 3050 South Durango Drive				
21	Las Vegas, NV 89117				
22	Attorneys for Defendant Albertson's LLC				
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1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE				
2	I am a resident of and employed in Clark County, Nevada. I am over the age of 18 year and not a party to the within action. My business address is: 3050 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas				
3	Nevada, 89117.				
4 5	On <u>April 21, 2021</u> , I served this document on the parties listed on the attached service list via one or more of the methods of service described below as indicated next to the name of the served individual or entity by a checked box:				
6 7 8	<b>VIA U.S. MAIL:</b> [NRCP 5(b)] by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States mail at Las Vegas, Nevada. I an "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence by mailing. Under that practice, it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day with postage fully prepaid at Las Vegas, Nevada in the ordinary course of business. am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postage.				
9	cancellation date or postage meter date is n an affidavit.	nore than one day	after date of deposit for mailing		
10	<b>VIA FACSIMILE:</b> [EDCR 7.26(a)] by transmitting to a facsimile machine maintained by the attorney or the party who has filed a written consent for such manner of service.				
11	<b>BY PERSONAL SERVICE:</b> by personally hand-delivering or causing to be hand delivered by such designated individual whose particular duties include delivery of such of behalf of the firm, addressed to the individual(s) listed, signed by such individual of his/her representative accepting on his/her behalf. A receipt of copy signed and dated by such an individual confirming delivery of the document will be maintained with the document and is attached.				
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14 15	<b>BY E-MAIL:</b> by transmitting a copy of the document in the format to be used for attachments to the electronic-mail address designated by the attorney or the party who has filed a written consent for such manner of service.				
16	<b>BY ELECTRONIC MEANS:</b> by electronically filing [NEFR 9(b)] and serving [NEFR 9] with the court's vendor.				
17	ATTORNEYS OF RECORD	PARTIES REPRESENTED	METHOD OF SERVICE		
18	Matthew W. Hoffmann, Esq. John F. Bemis, Esq.	Plaintiff	Personal service Email service		
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20	Las Vegas, NV 89135 T: 702.562-6000 F: 702.562.6066		Electronic Means		
21	MHoffmann@awhlawyers.com JBemis@awhlawyers.com				
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23	I declare that under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the above is true and correct. I further declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.				
24	/s/ Anne Raymundo				
25	An employee of BACKUS, CARRANZA & BURDEN				